



Late Summer Term Newsletter 2021



Covid procedures over the summer holidays

If your child develops covid-19 symptoms/ received a positive test **within 48 hours of their last session** at preschool then we need to be informed immediately.

Children's 48-hour periods will slightly differ, depending upon their last day.

To contact us after preschool has closed, call the preschool phone (07964436779).

Text messages and emails will not reach us, so please call only.

If we are unable to answer, please leave a voicemail and we will call you back as soon as possible.

We respectfully ask that you only call this number to report covid symptoms/ test results.

If your child does have Covid-19 symptoms/ positive test during the holidays (starting 2 days or more after their last session) then it does not require contact tracing back to preschool. If you are still isolating when we return, please email/ call as usual to inform us that your child will not be in. All emails will be answered on Monday 6th September 2021.

September Covid procedures

We will inform you of our September policies regarding Covid-19 nearer the time. We want to ensure it is the most up to date information available that informs our policies. This will be with you before Tuesday 7th September.

Invoices

Invoices for early autumn term 2021 are being sent out this week. If you have not received one by Friday morning, please let me know. These are due at your child's first session back in the term. We would prefer contactless payments via BACs but if you need to pay via cash or cheque then please let me know so we can arrange this.

The bank account details are at the bottom of your invoices.

If you have any queries regarding your invoice, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are finding it difficult to pay your invoice, then please speak with me and we can arrange a payment plan and/or changing your hours to make this more manageable.

Staffing

Friday 23rd July will be mine and Holly's last day before we start our maternity leave.

We have recruited a new member of staff, Annie- Rose, who will be starting in September 2021. Annie- Rose is an experienced practitioner and we are looking forward to welcoming her to the team!

Debbie and Jo will be in the toddler room. Vicky and Annie-Rose will be in the preschool room. We will inform you of any key person changes.

Megan will be taking over as Acting Manager. Debbie will additionally be taking over as Acting Deputy Manager. Both are available to talk to if you need any support.

September 3/ 4 year old funding eligibility

If September is the start of the term after your child's 3rd birthday, then you will be entitled to government funding to pay for hours attended.

15 hours (universal funding) are guaranteed, and you need to do nothing for this, other than book in your preferred hours with me. The setting claims these on your behalf and we will send you a parental agreement to sign in September to give us permission to do this.

You may also be eligible for 30 hours (extended entitlement). This needs to be applied for by parents and is an additional 15 hours funding per week. We need to have a successful application and working eligibility code by Friday 23rd July, ready for starting in September 2021.

Committee members

As you know we are a committee run setting. This means that legally we must have committee to open. We have some parents leaving the committee this year and so really need new parents to join us. There are many aspects to this role, including fundraising and the general running of preschool. Meetings are usually once every half term and are online, usually lasting between 30 mins- 1 hour. If this is something you are interested in, please speak with us in September.

Goodbye!

We want to say goodbye to all the children who are going off to big school! We are going to miss you all so much, but we know you will have the best time! We are so grateful that they were able to attend their leavers party and have had successful transfer days.

And to our children who are returning in September, we hope you have a lovely summer holiday. I am sure we will hear all about it when we return on Tuesday 7th September!

Finally, thank you for all the cards, gifts and well wishes!



Early Autumn Term- **Tuesday** 7th September- Friday 22nd October 2021

Late Autumn Term- Monday 1st November- Friday 17th December 2021

Early spring Term 2022-**Wednesday** 5th January-Friday 18th February 2022

Late spring Term 2022- Monday 28th February- Friday 8th April 2022